

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee  
Monthly meeting minutes, July 1st, 2019, 7:00pm  
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Wes Cate, Becky Wigg

Members of the public in attendance: Michael Billingsly

- Select a facilitator
  - Wes volunteered
- Public comment
  - Michael mentioned that the climate summit last week is available to stream.
- Announcements
  - RAMP task force for Energy and Weatherization is at OSC at 6:30pm on 7/17.
  - RAMP task force for Village Revitalization is at Twinfield on 7/17, time TBD.
- Approval of previous minutes
  - Motioned, seconded and passed.
- Business
  - EV Charging Station Grant (if needed)
    - Our grant application was not accepted. The process was very competitive.
  - Act 174 update (if needed)
    - Nick and Jonathan had an email correspondence with CVRPC about act 174. No news there.
  - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed)
    - Michael received a letter from the attorney for GMP. The letter indicated that GMP has reached a settlement with the ANR. This might indicate that the PUC case is going to be closed, so Michael was not clear on what this meant.
    - The hearing officer for the PUC case has left, or is leaving Vermont. Michael does not have complete details on what is going on.
    - Michael has composed a letter to the hearing officer asking about the status of the case, the safety issues raised, questions about the hearing officer, how the process will continue, what the settlement means, etc.
    - If this PUC case is closed, and GMP awarded their CPG the safety concerns have no leverage for enforcement.
    - Nick asked if there is anything that we can do.
      - Michael mentioned that Rich Baker should be aware of the developments, so may be filling in the selectboard about it.
  - Model communities / RAMP program update
    - Nick summarized the energy and weatherization meeting. The next meeting should focus in on a few ideas, and ideas about how to do them.
    - Becky was in the downtown revitalization task force. A lot of their time was spent talking about transportation issues, Plainfield's intersection

work (in a couple years), marshfield paving. They then had a lot of ideas and brainstorming around how to attract tourism to the area, and how to bring new people to town.

- Michael was also in this same meeting. He mentioned there was some discussion about inventories and resource mapping. He previously has some experience with these, and specifically related to creating a model community for illustrating examples of renewable energy. Michael has some motivation for working on this.
- Anne attended the transportation meeting. She was a bit frustrated by the process. They prioritized based on this work, but Anne doesn't have a clear memory of what was decided on.
- Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
  - No updates.
- Discussion about what to do at the Fall Foliage Festival
  - Becky suggested that we reach out to the vendors who attended last year, and see if they had a good experience and would come again.
  - Anne suggested that this might be a good thing for a RAMP task force to take up. For energy stuff this would be highly germane, also for other task forces.
    - Nick will email Jon Copans about this and ask if he sends this idea to the task forces.
- Plainfield update
  - No update this month.
- Draft agenda for next meeting
  - Select a facilitator
  - Public comment
  - Announcements
  - Approval of previous minutes
  - Business
    - Act 174 update (if needed)
    - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed)
    - Model communities / RAMP program update
    - Discussion about Carbon Farming speaker series
    - Discussion about what to do at the Fall Foliage Festival (if needed)
    - Plainfield update
    - Draft agenda for next meeting